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Museum Construction Approved

UST to settle a few doubts that might be raised by Mr. T. Neave's letter, printed elsewhere on this page, it must be pointed out that while the bylaw to authorize borrowing \$48,000 for a new museum was defeated, authorization for construction of a new museum as a permanent B.C. Centennial project for this city was in truth given by the property owners of Prince Rupert.

At the July 10, 1957 election the ballot on the museum plebiscite contained the following question: "Shall the bylaw entitled the Museum Building Construction Bylaw be confirmed?"

"The voter is requested to answer this question by placing a cross in a blank square to the left of the word "yes" or "no."

The bylaw itself, not appearing on the ballot, was in actual fact two questions.

It was "a bylaw to authorize the construction of a museum building in the city of Prince Rupert as a permanent project to celebrate the British Columbia Centennial and to borrow by way of a loan an amount of \$48,000 to assist in the said construction of the said museum building."

There is no doubt that the money part of the bylaw was defeated by a scant 18 votes of the required 60 per cent. No one is arguing that. Not enough property owners wished the city to borrow \$48,000 for a new museum. The vote was 518 for confirming Trinity LPP associations before attacks by Khrushchev and the the bylaw, 375 against.

But that part of the bylaw which asked authorization to build a museum, which did not involve money and which only required a 50 per cent majority, obviously passed, since the bylaw received only 18 votes short of a 60 per cent majority.

However, as a matter of fact, there was no need for city council to ask by way of a plebiscite, what the city's Centennial project should be. The council appointed a Centennial committee to do that job. The Centennial committee decided on a new museum. Council, elected by the people to govern the city, ratified the Centennial committee's decision.

In the spring of 1957 the city council had already placed \$10,000 in the estimates towards a new museum. In October, 1957 it agreed to place another \$10,000 in its 1958 estimates. Council gives the museum a grant every year and has done ever since its inception. The two aforementioned grants were larger than usual because the city knew, long before the plebiscite or the mention of a Centennial project that the ancient, present museum is in danger of falling down. With matching grants from the city and the provincial government the amount for a Centennial museum could be brought up to close to \$40,000 and as a result the Centennial committee, Mr. Orme Stuart and his project committee in particular have labored for a long time to reduce the size of the museum, cut costs and still maintain the original design so that it could be built for a smaller sum.

It is our belief that the Centennial committee with city assistance will be able to build a most excellent fireproof museum without taxes being raised at all. When the new museum is completed and the city's priceless exhibits are transferred into the new building, we are sure that the people of Prince Rupert will be quite happy with it, and proud of it. It will be far more fitting than a Centennial sidewalk program, a Centennial road paving project or a Centennial sewer system, none of which items are eligible for provincial government Centennial grants.



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By JOHN M. HIGHTOWNER

Mikhail Menshikov has told The Associated Press in over apparently is still an idea there be any unwanted effect on an interview that he would like to see Soviet leaders visit the United States and American leaders go Russia.

top to the bottom—the better," invitation to Khrushchev o Menshikov **said**.

Red China Trade Recommended

TORONTO #-Tim Buck, national leader of the Labor Pro- moved. gressive (Communist) party, has stated that Canada could ease its unemployment problems by trading with Communist ments for a summit conference,

Mr. Buck, recently returned from a tour of Red China and Russia, said China wants to buy in foreign trade. He lumber, lead, zinc, copper

The Progressive Conservative government, he said in a speech of Soviet policy. delivered to the Spadpina and he leaves on a national tour, has Soviet press on American "imcontinued the Liberal policy of refusing to trade with Red China ' and is keeping this country's ticles here critical of the Soviet economy merely complementary to that of United States.

Philipott Column tion." Discontinued

The daily column of Van- | tensions are relaxed. couver political writer and Liberal candidate for Vancou-Ayres announced today.

His sweeping assertion includ- President Eisenhower that leaded Soviet Communist chief Nik- ers of thought and influential ita Khrushchev and Vice-Presi- citizens come from Russia to get dent Richard Nixon of the U.S. a better understanding of Am-

"I think personally that the erican life. more exchanges we have on all! Elsenhower said Wednesday kinds of levels—from the very that this was not intended as an Premier Bulganin, but there has He reported the Soviet govern-been speculation it might lead ment considering a proposal by to their visiting here.

HITS TRADE CURBS

Menshikov, who arrived in ago assailed what he called "ar- welcoming demonstrations that ting out again for Canada. tificial restrictions and discrimination" imposed by the U.S. on; trade with the Soviet Union, and said they ought to be re-

He also called for a start "as soon as possible" on arrangealthough he was unable to say what the next Soviet move to that end would be.

matic scene in Washington-an by Mr. Peake, Mr. Stuart, Mr asbestos from Canada, but this English-speaking Soviet envoy Morrison and "Anonymous." who is smiling, friendly, relaxed.

tions." He said he had read ar-Union and went on: "There has been a lot of misunderstanding! and, if you like, misrepresenta-But he thought criticism would decrease "the more understand each other's posi ition" and the more international

Of U.S.-Soviet differences, hel said: "There will always be some ver-South Elmore Phillpott sort of disagreement. Ideologi- allow the Centennial Committee The Daily News, editor J. R. sarily produce bad feelings be- it was defeated by plebiscite. A daily feature "Interpret- can believe in anything you like art, a prominent business man ing the News" from Canadian and in the way of life you pre-should stoop to give half truths

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LONDON M-A visit by Princess Margaret to the United States during her Canadian tour this summer is reported under toplevel consideration here. She is due in Canada July 12 for 24-day official visit.

No British-American consul- would embarrass the princess tations about a U.S. visit are and the Crown? known to have taken place on U.S. FEEL SLIGHTED? are already being thought about der?

in high places.

questions as: yet visited feel slighted if she not be altered. visited the U.S. first?

the sister of the Queen, where and it would be too tiring for should any invitation originate? her to add on a U.S. trip.

Would teen-agers and other The princess is paying an of-Americans whose sympathy for ficial visit to the West Indies in her grew after she renounced the spring and will have only Washington only three weeks Peter Townsend stage frantic several weeks to rest before set-

any official level. Such a stop- | On the other hand, would rather than a project being ac- American opinion if the princess tively planned, but protocol con- was in Canada without paying siderations and other aspects a courtesy call across the bor-

If the decision goes against Under consideration are such the U.S. visit, British officials | could always claim that the Would Commonwealth coun-princess had prior and conflicttries which the princess has not hig arrangements which could

The claim could also be made Since she is not a head of that a heavy schedule had been state, but has high status as necessary for the Canadian tour,

L'ETTERBOX

MORE ON MUSEUM The Editor, The Daily News:

It has been interesting to read the letters published in your is paper in regard to the Museum commercial fertilizer, wheat, something new on the diplo- as a Centennial project, written

> I am in agreement with the in donating City funds. and talkative within the limits remarks made by Mr. Peake and Mr. Morrison. I believe the per-Menshikov was asked about son who wrote anonymously was at fault in criticizing so severely the Centennial committee as we can only assume they acted in good faith in making their recmmendation for a project. Howdisagree strongly with Mr. Stuart in his nasty comments about people who write letters but do not wish to have their name mentioned. It is their are too many essential services privilege as long as they give

their name to the newspaper. It is the City Council which is at fault if it advances funds to will no longer be published in | cal differences should not neces- to proceed with the project when ' tween the two countries. You I am surprised that Mr. Stu-Press and Associated Press fer. In the family of nations we in his letter. He states that it

he does not state that the plebiscite was defeated. The City has a by-law that such plebiscites must have a majority of 60 per cent and now it appears the Conneil is not obeying its own' laws. Council should set an example. I hope none of them preaches democracy when they larbitrarily ignore the plebiscite

I agree with Mr. Morrison the Council is to be praised for putting this project to a vote, but why the expense, if they intend' to overlook the fact that the project was defeated by the

It is an amazing procedure indeed that a Council should risk doing such a thing.

It is evident that a large portion of the people believe there needed in Prince Rupert before! expending City funds on a nonessential project such as a museum and SURELY the taxes are

Thank you for the space.

T. NEAVE, Prince Rupert.

Japanese schoolchildren connews analyists will take its can disagree and confine our- is time people know he facts. He tributed \$20,000 to the United, selves to our own countries and mentions that 52 per cent of the Nations International Children's people voted for the museum but Emergency Fund in 1957.

LONDON (Renters) - The | Irish airline Aer Lingus Wednes-

SASKATOON (P)---More "than one-third of retail spending in dily flew a forest from Dublin to Saskatoon last year went for mo-London. A total of 440,000 tree tor vehicles and their upkeep, plants from County Wickford The Retail Merchants Associawere sent to the British forestry tion reported total spending of ment of lands. The consign-\$101,952,000 included \$35,950,224 ment weighed nearly two tons. | for cars, gas and oil.

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